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POKÉMON PEARL VERSION



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APRIL 22nd
2007!



The game has a 3D feel to it!
Check out one of the main characters
walking through Sinnoh!



On the Pat
Our fearless female
Is that a Poké



This is the main girl character. With
an eye-catching white hat and her
bag slung low, she's ready to take on
the world! Or at least Sinnoh!

Nice Bag! Here's your main female
character. Sporting a cool hat and a
pink pair of boots, she has a brand
new attitude for a main character.

Get ready for a brand new adventure!

A brand new world is waiting for you on the Nintendo DS on April 22nd, 2007 – Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Pearl are two new games for the Nintendo DS which get back to the roots of Pokémon RPG's. Battling, collecting, and training are back and this time they take place in a new region – Sinnoh!

The Sinnoh region is a lush and beautiful area filled with lots of different plants and Pokémon. You start your adventure from a place called Twinleaf Town.

Nice Hat! Here is the male character, ready for his adventure in Diamond and Pearl. Although he's got a backpack, what do you think he's wearing around his wrist? Is that some kind of Pokémon watch?

to Adventure!

character takes a stroll.
n Center above her?



This is the home of the main male character in Twinleaf Town where the story starts. He looks ready for anything!



Beyond the Sea

What lies beyond this beach?
How do you travel across the water in Sinnoh?



NEW FRIENDS, NEW FACES, NEW ADVENTURES!



どうして まってるから おくれたら
ばっきん 1000まんえん な!

He always seems to be
in a hurry!



You and your rival
will sometimes have to
work together!



いいか ダイヤ! おくれたら
ばっきん 100まんえん な!

Your rival may be
reckless, but he's always
one step ahead of you
and ready for battle.



ちよっとは つよくなつた?
なあ しょうぶ しょうぜ!

Which Pokémon will
he use?

YOUR RIVAL

Your childhood friend – and rival – will play a large part in the story. He has the same ambitions as you, and he's on a Pokémon journey too! Don't let him beat you!



PROFESSOR ROWAN

This professor is an expert on Sinnoh's Pokémon!



わたしの なまえは ナナカマド!
ポケモンの けんきゅうを している

THEY'RE UP TO NO GOOD!

Meet the new villains in the game, Team Galactic! What evil will they bring to the land of Sinnoh, and what hardships to our adventurers?



あなた! ワレワレと いっしょに
けんきゅうを しなさい!

Are they trying to recruit Professor Rowan?



ぼくの ともだち…… ギンガだんに
だいじな ポケモンを とられたって!

They're kidnapping Pokémon!



ポケモンを おひきよせるために
それを ひつようと している!

What is this Pokémon trapper up to?

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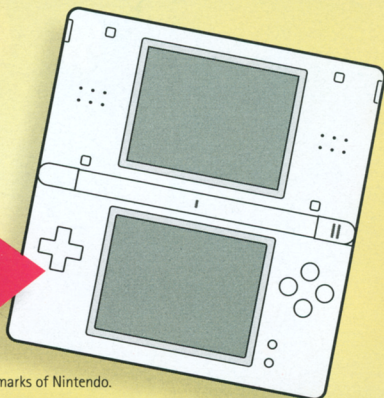
Secret Egg Mission

What does Pokémon Ranger have in common with Pokémon Diamond and Pearl? It's a new character called Manaphy! Manaphy is one of the most special Pokémon ever – it stars in a new movie, it hatches from a special Egg, and you can't find it in Pokémon Diamond and Pearl – unless you unlock its mission in Pokémon Ranger! Check out more on the next few pages!



Better Catch 'Em All!

In Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Pearl, after certain requirements are met, you can transfer Pokémon from the Game Boy Advance cartridges on the left into the game! Before you start a new adventure with Pokémon Diamond and Pearl, make sure to collect as many Pokémon as you can in all of these games!



NEW CHARACTERS AND FAMILIAR FACES!

You may have seen some of these Pokémon before, but now you'll be able to play them in Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Pearl!



Munchlax!

Type: Normal
Ability: Thick Fat/ Pickup
Height: 2'
Weight: 232 lbs.

This Pokémon with a big heart and an even bigger appetite will evolve into Snorlax!



あいての マニユーラの
リベンジ!

Munchlax uses a
"Swallow" attack!

Munchlax has a new unique move called Swallow which recovers strength!



Beware the sharp claws on this Pokémon, which evolves from Sneasel. Like Sneasel, it is also a Dark- and Ice-type Pokémon!



Weavile is here!

Type: Dark/Ice
Ability: Pressure
Height: 3' 7"
Weight: 75 lbs.

あいての ゴンベの
のみこむ こうげき!

Weavile attacks with Revenge!
Although not much is known about this new attack, it looks effective!!



A MANAPHY FOR ALL SEASONS!

The newest Pokémon to make a splash is Manaphy, star of the upcoming movie, *Pokémon Ranger and the Temple of the Sea*, which is scheduled for release this spring! We don't have a lot of information about Manaphy just yet, but we can tell you this – you won't be able to get it by just playing through Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Pearl!

Rather than keeping the Manaphy Egg here, we should have someone in the Sinnoh region hold it for us!



RANGER PLEA FOR HELP

Once you clear the mission, you'll be asked to guard the Manaphy Egg. You cannot hatch or raise Manaphy in Pokémon Ranger!

GET MANAPHY!

Let's start this from the beginning for anyone who missed last week's update! Remember, you have to complete the story mode of the game!

1. Access Ranger Net after finishing the game. When you see Ranger Net on your main menu, click on it.
2. Your screen will show "Play a special mission." On your Nintendo DS, press the top Right trigger, the X Button, and left on your directional pad simultaneously.
3. You should see a screen that says "Enter the password has been added".
4. Tap the touch screen, and wait as the game saves.
5. After the game saves, tap the screen again, and a new menu will come up that says "Enter the password".
6. When you click on the password menu, you'll be allowed to enter the password!
7. Enter the password - **P8M2--9D6F--43H7**
8. You'll see a special message that says the mission is active. Turn off the game.
9. At the menu screen, access Ranger Net and you'll see an option to play a special mission.
10. The mission "Recover the Precious Egg" appears!
11. You did it! Congratulations! Now play the mission and discover the mystery of Manaphy – and get ready to transfer this precious Egg into Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Pearl this April!

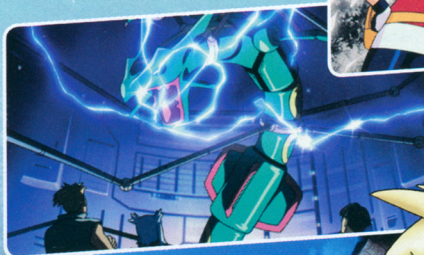
Pokémon Ranger and the Temple of the Sea

It all started with a legend passed down from the people of Water...

Somewhere in this world, there is the Sea Temple created by the people of the Water. The temple contains a hidden treasure called the Sea Crown, but no one has ever seen the Sea Crown, or even the Sea Temple because the temple is fortified by a secret mechanism. The temple drifts through a vast ocean undetected, waiting... waiting...

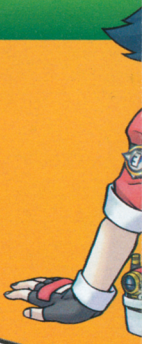
Ash and Pikachu meet Lizabeth, a descendant of the people of the Water, and learn about the legend. They also meet Jackie, a Pokémon Ranger who is working on a secret mission to protect a Manaphy Egg (Manaphy is known mysteriously as The Prince of the Sea) and trying to find the temple as well. While on this important mission, Jackie is attacked by a pirate known as The Phantom. The Phantom has a plan to obtain the Sea Crown and take over the world – but first he needs the Manaphy Egg. Lizabeth and Ash help Jackie protect the Egg and stop the nefarious pirate. What is the Sea Crown?

What is Manaphy's mysterious power that connects it to the Sea Temple? Can Ash help Jackie complete his mission?



**COMING
SOON
TO DVD!**

POKÉMON RANGER

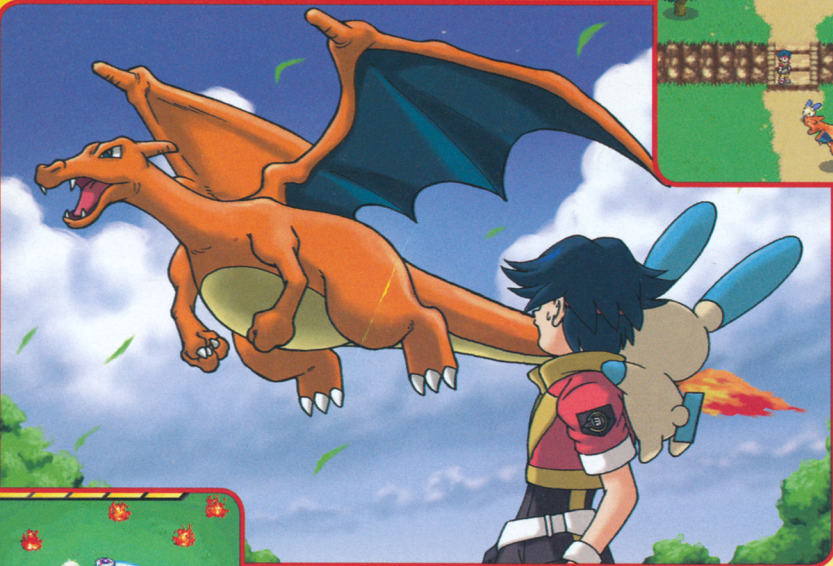


WHERE YA AT?

Have you finished Pokémon Ranger yet? If not, you'll want to check in on these extra special missions towards the end of the game!

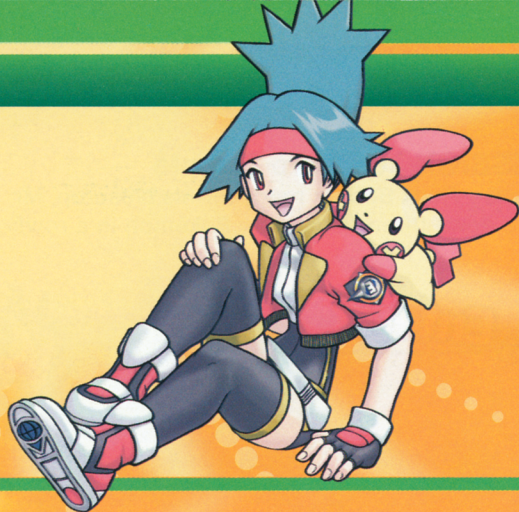
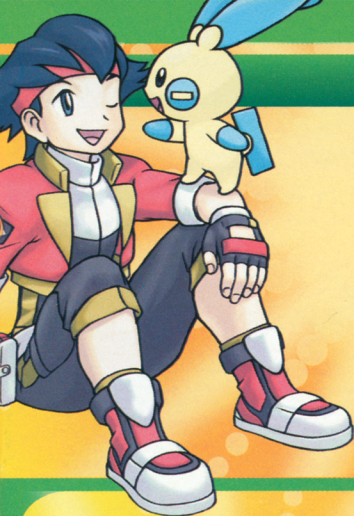
Mission 9: Hideout Infiltration

You're almost at the end of your missions. Here's some last-minute tips to get you past the tougher battles.

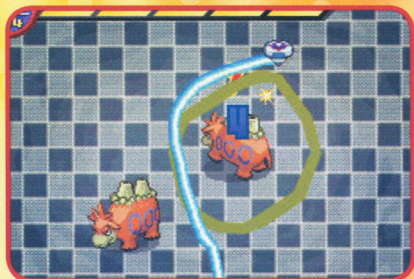


Rescue Charizard

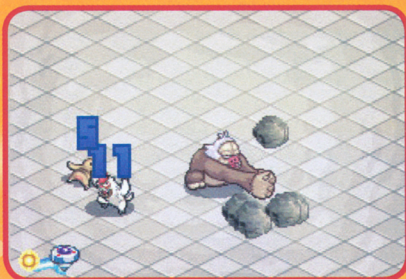
The Go-Rock Hideout is at the top of the Sekra Range, but before you get there, you'll encounter Charizard, who is still hurt. Use a Water Poké Assist to help you out.



Fight the Go-Rock Squad!



1 As you progress through the hideout, you'll encounter the Go-Rock Quads, starting with Tiffany and her Camerupt duo. Use a Water Poké Assist to make short work of her Fire-group Pokémon.



2 Next up is Clyde and his Vigoroth, Slaking, and Slakoth combo. Use a Discharge here to help take these powerful Pokémon down one at a time. Also helpful – any Psychic-group Pokémon will clean up here.



3 After Clyde (make sure to heal and save), you'll battle Garret, who has two Scyther and a Scizor on his team. You can try to isolate the Scyther and take them down individually, or you can use a Fire Poké Assist to really knock these Bug-group Pokémon off their feet.



4 The last battle is against Billy, who has a Pupitar, Larvitar, and Tyranitar in his roster. Shock the group with a Discharge, then go after Larvitar. After that, use any Poké Assist that will help against the Ground-group Pupitar or the Rock-group Tyranitar.

MISSION 10: Fiore Temple

The Go-Rock Boss is ready for his close up, Mr. DeMille, so get ready to face down three Legendary Pokémon in a row!

vs. Entei



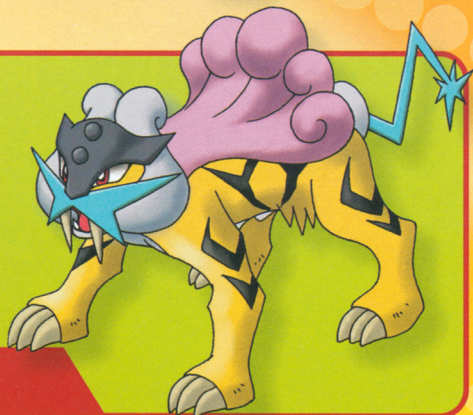
If you have a Water Poké Assist, use it. Otherwise, try Discharge and a Ground Poké Assist.



vs. Raikou



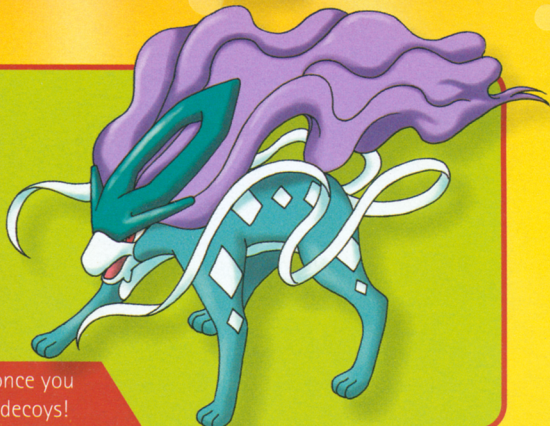
Use any Pokémon with a Ground Poké Assist to take down Raikou.



vs. Suicune



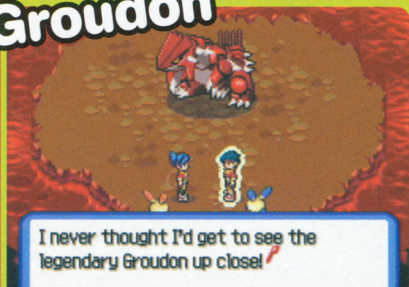
Discharge works well against Suicune – once you find out which one is real and which are decoys!



EXTRA MISSIONS

The game isn't over after beating the Go-Rock Boss. There are still Legendary Pokémon to find in the tough missions ahead!

Groudon



I never thought I'd get to see the legendary Groudon up close!

Here comes Groudon, out of the swirling lava!



Kyogre



Kyogre comes out of the misty sea!
Where do you meet this Legendary Pokémon?

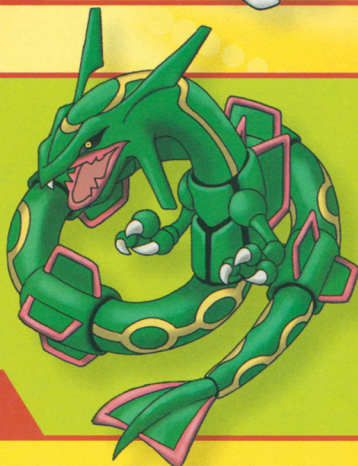


Rayquaza



Oh, Rayquaza, Rayquaza!
What makes you Rayquaza?!

The mighty Rayquaza! Isn't that Fiore Temple?



NOTHING BUT NET

There are three extra special missions after capturing Rayquaza, Kyogre, and Groudon – and these are accessed by the Ranger Net!

What is the Ranger Net? It's another way of learning of new missions, and the three new missions in Ranger Net are nothing if not difficult. Do you have what it takes, Ranger? We hope so, because you're about to face three legendary Pokémon who are in serious need of some Styler lasso-ing.

Gain Deoxys's Trust



You will see Deoxys in three places after you obtain the Ranger Net (which you only get by completing the game). The first place is near the entrance to Krokka Tunnel, where Deoxys is in its Attack Forme. Use Rock, Ground, and Fighting Poké Assists to calm it down, but be prepared as it floats away.

Deeper in the tunnel, you'll find Deoxys in its Defense Forme – be prepared because you'll be circling into your teens before you receive the "OK" signal. It will escape and float away deeper into the tunnel, where you'll find it in its Speed Forme – the trickiest yet, because it jets around the screen. Use a Poké Assist that will slow it or pin it down. Only three loops are required in this forme.

Rescue Celebi

You're off to the Lyra Forest now, and it's full of obstacles. A downed log, boulders, a metal fence – you'll find all the required Pokémon to clear these obstacles as you fight your way to the heart of the forest – and one scared Celebi. It will lead you on a chase (thank goodness you cleared all the obstacles first), and when you catch up to it, the skittish Celebi will move quickly. Slow it down, but watch out for the thorny vines that sprout up from the ground.



Mew, the Mirage



The Olive Jungle is where you'll find Mew – but not until after you give chase! And we mean one heck of a chase – Mew will constantly seem one step ahead of you. An exclamation point will appear over your head, signaling that Mew is somewhere on that screen. If you approach carefully, you may initiate a battle, but the sturdy little Pokémon requires 17 loops to capture it. It will occasionally wander off, and you have to initiate the capture all over again. The best offense? Pokémon

with the Ghost Poké Assist – there are a couple over by the Jungle Relic...

So, now you've caught the three Legendary Pokémon. Are you ready for Manaphy?

Pokémon Mystery Dungeon

BLUE RESCUE TEAM



RED RESCUE TEAM

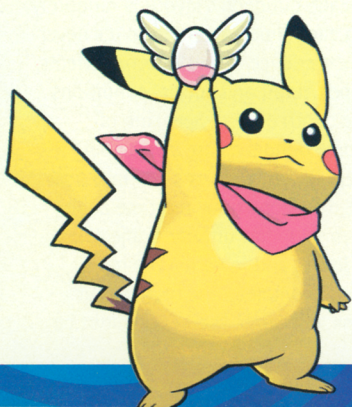
What if you woke up one day and you were a Pokémon? Pokémon Mystery Dungeon gives you the answers, and we give you the details!

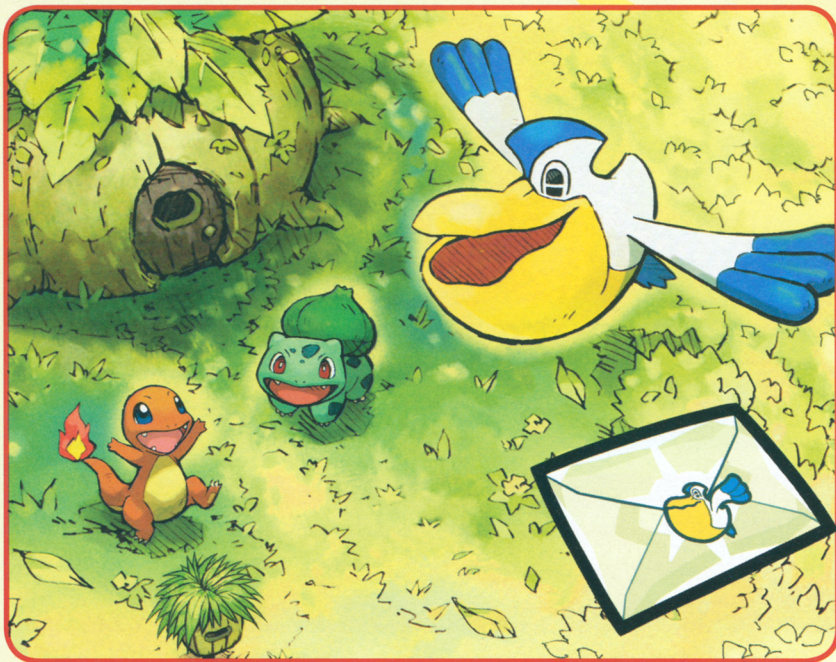
What if you woke up one day and you were a Pokémon? That's the premise behind *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Blue Rescue Team* and *Red Rescue Team*, the recent Pokémon game for the Nintendo DS (Blue Rescue Team) and Game Boy Advance (Red Rescue Team). The answer to the question is that if you were a Pokémon, you'd help save the world!

You play a human unexpectedly transformed into a Pokémon, and in an unusual twist, a personality quiz will determine your new identity out of 16

possible Pokémon, including all 9 starter Pokémon and other favorites like Pikachu and Skitty. Then you're thrown right into the action, as you wake up in a strange land, make a new friend, and set out together to rescue a lost Pokémon! Luckily, now that you're a Pokémon, you can speak with Pokémon in their own language. Communication is essential, as you and your friend soon become partners in a Pokémon rescue team!

Your services are urgently needed, because this fantastic new land is not without its dangers. Unexplained disasters have endangered many Pokémon, some of whom have become hostile. This raises a troubling question: could there be some connection between the disasters and your presence here? Unfortunately, there's one Pokémon in town who'd like to answer that question for you! Gengar, the head of the bullying Team Meanies, wants you and your do-good ways out of its way, even if it means revealing your secrets. Soon saving Pokémon from disaster may have to take a





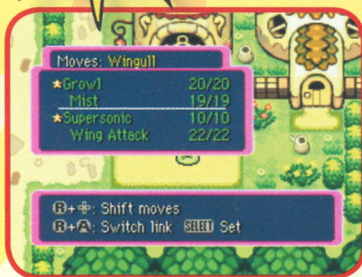
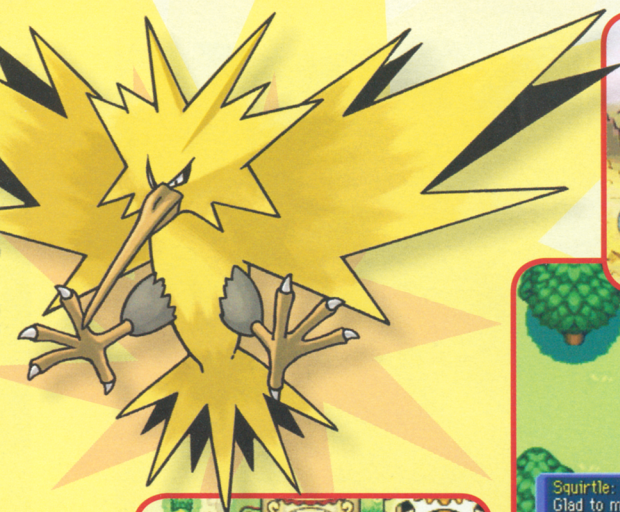
back seat to saving yourself from angry pursuers.

At least your Pokémon partner still believes in you! They'll stay by your side as you travel to the farthest ends of the land to uncover the truth behind your transformation. That's a big help when you're facing down incredible dangers, including fearsome Legendary Pokémon. But even if you manage to clear your name, you'll need even more help to stop the natural disasters for once and for all. With over 380 Pokémon who can join your team, recruiting new teammates is an epic quest unto itself!

Pokémon Mystery Dungeon is a touching story of friendship, courage, and forgiveness. It's also a fun strategic adventure game! Like other Pokémon role-playing games, Pokémon level up and learn new attack moves by defeating hostile foes, but this time there are plenty of twists. Now you can move around the field, even

during battles – keep your distance or charge into the fray, the choice is up to you. You can also set your teammates' strategies, but be careful, because success or failure will depend on how well you work with your team. New items like Link Boxes and Wonder Orbs let you combo moves for devastating effect, a first for Pokémon, or halt your foes with dazzling effects.

True to its name, Pokémon Mystery Dungeon has dozens of dungeons to explore, from sunlit forests to deep volcanic caverns. Each dungeon's layout is randomly generated each time you enter, so it's never the same experience twice. Weather effects, terrain types, traps, and special conditions add to the depth of play. Speaking of depths, some dungeons are a whopping 99 floors deep! Rescue missions will take you into these dungeons time and time again, and each mission has different objectives, difficulty levels, and rewards. The more missions you complete, the higher your rescue rank will climb. There just might be



a reward for reaching the top of the rescue team ratings, too!

Pokémon Mystery Dungeon's communication features let you interact with other players, so you can send them any juicy mission requests you receive, swap items, and even rescue them if they're defeated in a dungeon. You can even find items by linking up with *Pokémon Trozei* players. Best of all, the password feature lets you send mission requests and rescue players no matter where in the world they are, without worrying about Link Cables or wireless range!

With all these features and more, Pokémon Mystery Dungeon is easy to learn, but harder to master. No problem! To help you on your way, we've even got some handy tips for you:

Travel Light: your toolbox only has room for 20 items, so pack efficiently. You'll want to bring a few essentials like Apples, Reviver Seeds, and an Escape Orb with you, but you'll usually find plenty of these and other items in the dungeons. Don't hoard the goodies you find – use them! Not only will this help in combat, but you'll free up space for more items.

Cast the First Stone: for an easier time, give your teammates lots of Gravelerocks and other thrown items. Tell your teammates to attack on sight and they'll lob away at foes, defeating many of them before they ever get close enough to touch you! It's a real lifesaving tactic, especially at lower levels. Just remember that some items, like Gravelerocks, can be thrown over obstacles, but others can't!



How to Win Friends and Influence

Pokémon: recruiting new Pokémon seems totally random, but it's not. Pokémon will only join you if the team leader – that's you! – defeats a potential recruit. You'll have to be right next to the Pokémon, and your level must be higher than theirs. Even so, it can take multiple tries, and not all Pokémon can be recruited through battle. Look for the elusive Friend Ribbon item later in the game; it makes recruiting easier and is the only way to befriend certain Pokémon.

Think Outside the Box: linking moves creates powerful combos that are great for defeating bosses, but it uses up your moves fast. Not good when there are lots of dungeon floors between you and the final fight! For more efficiency, carry Link Boxes instead – you'll have more PP to deal with regular foes, and you can use the Link Box to link your moves right before you reach a boss Pokémon.

Forget Everything You Learned in School: each Pokémon can only know four moves at

a time, but for a low, low fee of 150 Poké, you can recall any forgotten level-up moves at the Gulpin Link Shop. Take advantage of this to adjust your move set for different dungeon situations!

Hit the Floor: some moves affect all foes in the room, or even the entire dungeon floor! Pay special attention to status-affecting moves – they may not do a lot of damage, but they're very useful in Pokémon Mystery Dungeon, where you'll sometimes find yourself surrounded by opposition. A move like Growl will reduce the attack of all foes in a room, and you can use it multiple times.

Battle to the Best of Your Ability:

take full advantage of Pokémon abilities, particularly those that absorb attacks. For example, Mt. Thunder is home to Zapdos and its Electric-type attacks. Recruit a Pokémon with the Lightningrod ability, like Electrike, and it will harmlessly absorb Zapdos' moves so the rest of your team can concentrate on offense.

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Are you up to the challenge?

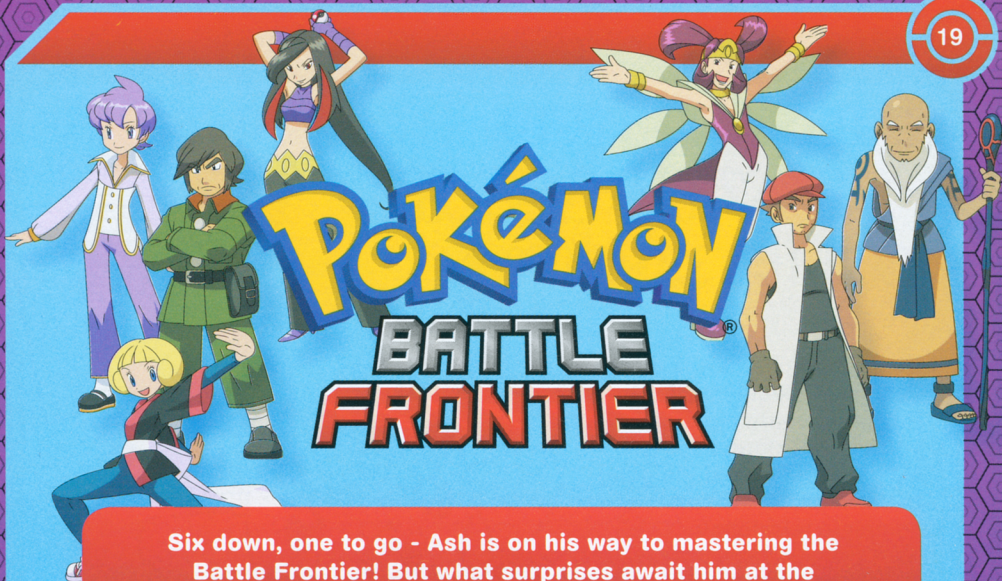
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Six down, one to go - Ash is on his way to mastering the Battle Frontier! But what surprises await him at the Battle Pyramid? We've got a sneak peek at that and more!

Ash has journeyed through Johto and hiked through Hoenn, but in Pokémon: Battle Frontier, the thrilling ninth season of Pokémon, he's back where it all started: his home region of Kanto, where the adventures are bigger than ever! This time, he's taking on the Battle Frontier, seven battle challenges headed up by top Trainers known as the Frontier Brains.

Ash is also headed to the Indigo Plateau, but this time he'll be cheering May on at the Indigo Plateau Grand Festival! The competition there will be fiercer than ever when she once again faces her personal rivals, Harley and Drew – and meets Solidad, a talented Coordinator who knows Harley and Drew as well!

That's not all that lies ahead in Pokémon: Battle Frontier, of course. Ash brought back the likes of Charizard and Snorlax to battle the Frontier Brains, and he'll call on other veteran members of his team to help him out, too. Ash even finds another Pokémon for his team. Or should we say, his new Pokémon finds him?

After all this, there's still one question left unanswered: what's ahead for Ash and his friends after the Battle Frontier? We can't tell you yet, but there are big changes ahead for our merry band of heroes, and you'll have to stay tuned to find out. All the more reason not to miss a minute of Pokémon: Battle Frontier on the Cartoon Network!



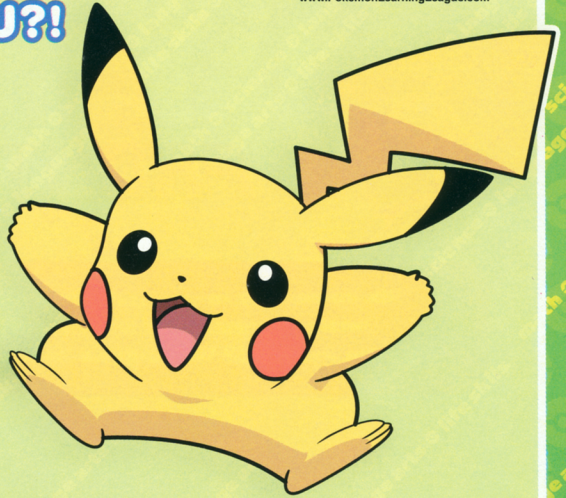
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Siara



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Ada



The Math-a-Magician

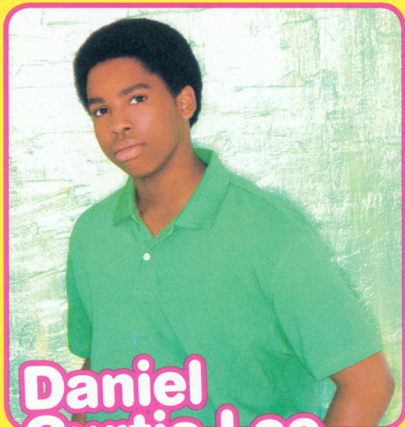
It's all a numbers game for Ada, but there's no calculating what she'll say next!

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Ned's De-Classified School Survival Guide

Did you play the Pokémon video games?

I first got *Pokémon Red*, and then I had to get *Blue* because me and my brother both played, and we linked up. I ended up getting the Gold, and he got the Silver. I really loved it.

What Pokémon did you start out with on *Pokémon Red*?

Because I was a dude, I felt like I had to get a Fire-type or that would make me less of a man. I started out with a Charmander. And then, of course, after we finished the game, we'd start again with another type.

If you were a Pokémon Trainer, which six Pokémon would you carry on you?

Charizard is very memorable, and you need a Fire Pokémon. Mewtwo. The Legendary dogs (Entei, Raikou, and Suicune), and the last one is going to have to be Lugia.

Alexa Vega

Spy Kids



What's your favorite Pokémon memory?

I guess it was when I found Charizard. You didn't expect to find it in a pack. All my sisters screamed when I found it.

What's your Pokémon trading card collection like?

I probably have 1,000 of them. Two of my sisters and I collected them. We bought so many packs, and we had doubles of a lot of them. I wanted to collect all the Charizard [cards]. I like the Japanese cards, just because the look was cooler. I thought that made them a little more interesting, and I couldn't find as many of them. Some of the cards are truly beautiful. You look at them and you're like, wow. They're geared toward children, but the art on them is pretty awesome.

What was your favorite card?

It was both Oddish and Gloom. I had them in Japanese foils and loved them.

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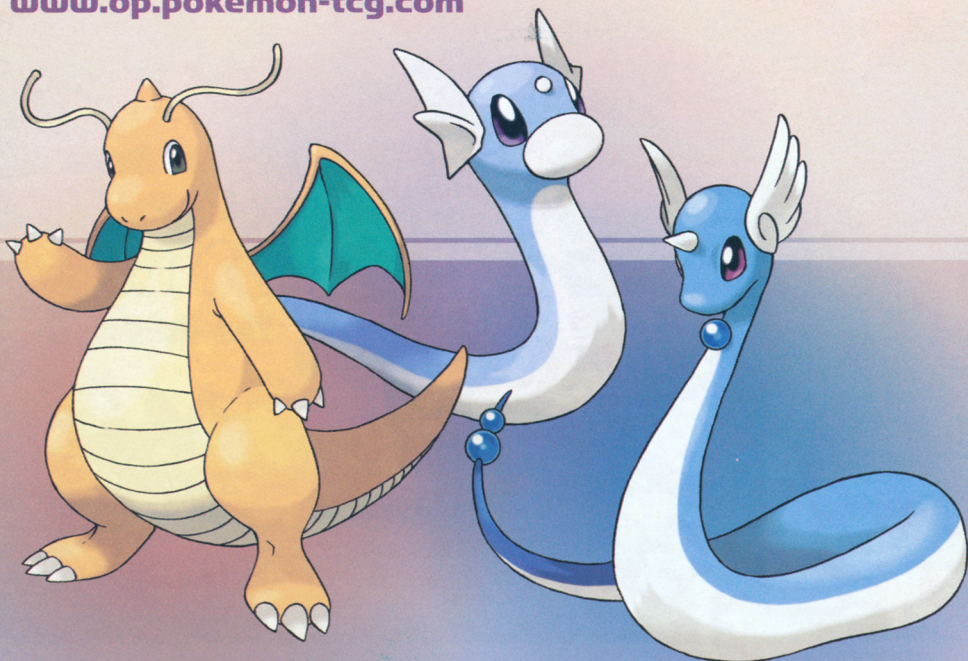
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A PARENT'S PRIMER TO POKÉMON!

Here's a quick primer that will get you started on the wonderful world of Pokémon. Take a very brief tour of our video game, Trading Card game, and animated show!

The Video Game

The video game is by far the most well known component of Pokémon. The video games include recent favorites like Pokémon Emerald, Pokémon FireRed and LeafGreen, Pokémon Ruby and Sapphire, and the upcoming Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Pearl. These games require reading and comprehension ability, some strategy, and lots of patience. You basically receive a starter Pokémon, and then continue on a quest which involves collecting, training, and battling Pokémon that you find in the wild. You can also trade Pokémon with other players, which is a must when trying to fill your Pokédex, a sort of portable encyclopedia that records and stores all of your Pokémon information.

Pokémon battle, but never die in the video game series – they simply faint, and have to be replaced by another Pokémon (when you run out of Pokémon to place into a battle, it's game over). Each Pokémon has specific strengths and weaknesses associated with its type (Fire-type, Water-type, etc), and those strengths and weaknesses make up the majority of strategy in the video game and Trading Card Game.

Glossary of Pokémon Terms: Video Games

Here are some terms you'll need to know to keep up with true Pokémon fans!

Poké Ball

The instrument used to capture Pokémon in the video game and anime series. There are many different types, and they are thrown at wild Pokémon to capture them, and thrown again to release the Pokémon into battle.

Pokédex

An encyclopedia-like indexing tool that records all vital information about a Pokémon for you. Pokémon that are caught or encountered have their statistics automatically logged into the Pokédex. The amount of information stored varies in each game.

Pokémon Center

Every town in the Pokémon world usually has a Pokémon Center, where sick or injured Pokémon can be taken and brought back to health. The Pokémon Center serves a variety of other purposes as well, although they vary from game to game.

The Pokémon Trading Card Game

Developed almost immediately after the video game, the Pokémon Trading Card Game (or TCG) was an instant hit, combining the strategy elements of Pokémon with a totally interactive card game. Although rules vary slightly when playing at home versus in a Pokémon TCG League, the basics remain the same – you draw cards from a deck of 60, and actively battle Pokémon against an opponent (unlike the video game, the TCG must have a minimum of two players). Although Pokémon are attacked, weakened, and defeated just like in the video game, there is more randomness to the Pokémon you receive.

Special leagues have been created since the inception of the Trading Card Game, and for more information on those leagues and on special rules of play, check out the website at www.pokemon-tcg.com or <http://op.pokemon-tcg.com>.

The Cartoon Series

The animated series has been airing in Japan for over ten years – we're currently on our ninth season here in the U.S. The cartoon series closely mirrors what happens in the video games.

The adventurers have always included Ash Ketchum and his favorite Pokémon Pikachu, but other team mates have come in and out of the series, like Misty, Brock, Gary, Max, and May. The arch-villains in the series are a team of bumbling misfits known as Team Rocket, who are thwarted in every single venture they take on.

One of the best elements of the show is that it is easily grasped by even the youngest fans. The themes of friendship, interactivity between the characters, and most of all, the element of caring for Pokémon, all promote great social skills among the fans of the show.

Glossary of Pokémon Terms: Trading Card Game

If you want to stay sharp, your fate is in knowing these card terms!

Deck

Your deck is the life blood of your game – constructing a deck correctly can mean the difference between victory and defeat. Pre-constructed decks are also available.

Active Pokémon

The Pokémon in play. Your Active Pokémon is usually the one that will allow you to attack.

Glossary of Pokémon Terms: The Cartoon Series

Watch, listen, learn – and catch up on these things you need to know!

Nurse Joy

Nurse Joy is the character who actually runs the Pokémon Center and is very involved in the upkeep and training of Pokémon.

Gym Leaders

Like the video game, there are Gym Leaders in the anime series. These Gym Leaders usually have a critical battle lined up for our adventurers, and defeating them brings a host of rewards, including Gym Badges, which are a sort of trophy that shows your competence as a Trainer.

Locale

The animated series has taken our adventurers to lots of exciting new places. Some of those areas are: Johto, Kanto, Hoenn, and the Orange Islands.

FAN FARE!



Allegra Sussman's love of Pokémon has taken her all the way around the world—twice! This 12-year-old New Yorker has visited both the Pokémon Center in Japan and PokéPark, the Pokémon amusement park. Each time she went on a ride in the amusement park, she got a special card with a Pokémon on it. "After Mudkip's Splash Adventure, you get a Mudkip card," she explains.

Allegra estimates she's been collecting Pokémon stuff since kindergarten. Her prized possession is a three-foot-tall

stuffed Raikou. "My Raikou is my favorite, because Raikou is one of my favorite Pokémon," Allegra says. "What I love best about Pokémon is that you can have so many adventures with them, and they are all different in their own special way," she says. "I have made a lot of friends from Pokémon and am glad to be a part of it!"





While most Pokémon collections feature lots of Ash, Pikachu, and Legendary Pokémon, Holly Meola's revolves around her own unusual obsession: Team Rocket! "The first Pokémon episode I ever saw was 'The Song of Jigglypuff', and the instant I saw Team Rocket I was, like, hooked for life," remembers the 21-year-old fan from Pennsylvania. "They bring so much life to the show. I know it sounds weird, but I feel like they're a part of me. I can relate to every single one of them."

Holly's love of Team Rocket includes everyone from Jessie, James, and Meowth to others, such as Butch and Cassidy. She has attended anime conventions and costume parties dressed as Jessie and Cassidy and thinks she's more like Cassidy in real life. Holly's dream collectibles would be some Butch and Cassidy figures, as well as Team Rocket plushies. How long will she keep collecting? "For as long as they make anything with Team Rocket on it!"



When we put out a call for Pokémon collections, one list we got blew us away with its amazing variety. And its owner, seven-year-old Ethan Huskey, hasn't even been alive for all 10 years of Pokémon! Ethan's list of swag includes 225 action figures, 50 plush toys, 65 books, 500 cards, and other cool stuff we don't have room to mention.

The main reason we're featuring Ethan on these pages is the reason behind his collection—he's as loyal to Pokémon as Pikachu is to Ash. When Ethan's first-grade

teacher was talking down Pokémon, Ethan wrote her a letter that explained why Pokémon was great. "I know four reasons," Ethan told us. "You learn weaknesses and abilities. When I was four, I learned new words, like the word evolve. You make friends with other people who like Pokémon. And if you know so many Pokémon, it helps your memory." Ethan's teacher had a change of heart, and Ethan's love of Pokémon hasn't let up!

Pokémon Fun Zone



MOVIE TRIVIA GAME

Down

1. Old man who assisted Kidd Summers via remote satellite.
2. Lawrence III began his collection with this.
3. Assisted Professor Lund in his study of Deoxys.
4. Kidd Summers has two of these sneaky Pokémon.
6. Sammy's last name.
7. Ash Ketchum's mom.
10. Princess Eileen of Cameron Castle has this cute Pokémon.
12. Legendary Pokémon that purifies water.
13. Partnered with Sid at the Battle Tower.
14. Molly Hale lived in this town.
17. Misty beat him in the Tour de Altomare.
19. Trainers were invited to this island by Mewtwo.
20. Molly Hale's dad.
21. Kathryn's twin sister in Larousse City.

Across

5. Item that powered the Altomare Defense Mechanism.
8. Pulled Misty to victory in the Tour de Altomare.
9. One of the Great Butler's Pokémon assistants.
10. The Great Butler used to work for this team.
11. Pokémon that warned against upcoming disaster.
14. Team Rocket leader that oversaw the creation of Mewtwo.
15. May's dance partner at the Aura Guardian ball.
16. Found Sammy's old sketchbook while cleaning the lab.
18. Ash's first destination for a Titan Ball.
22. Molly Hale's first real Pokémon.
23. Molly Hale's first opponent with her crystal Pokémon.

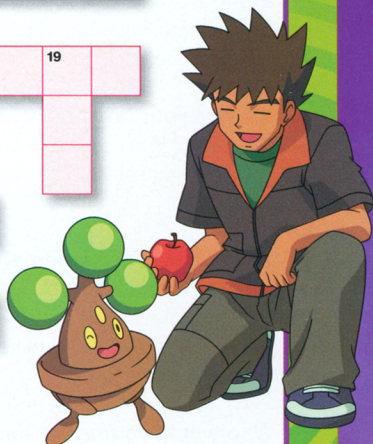
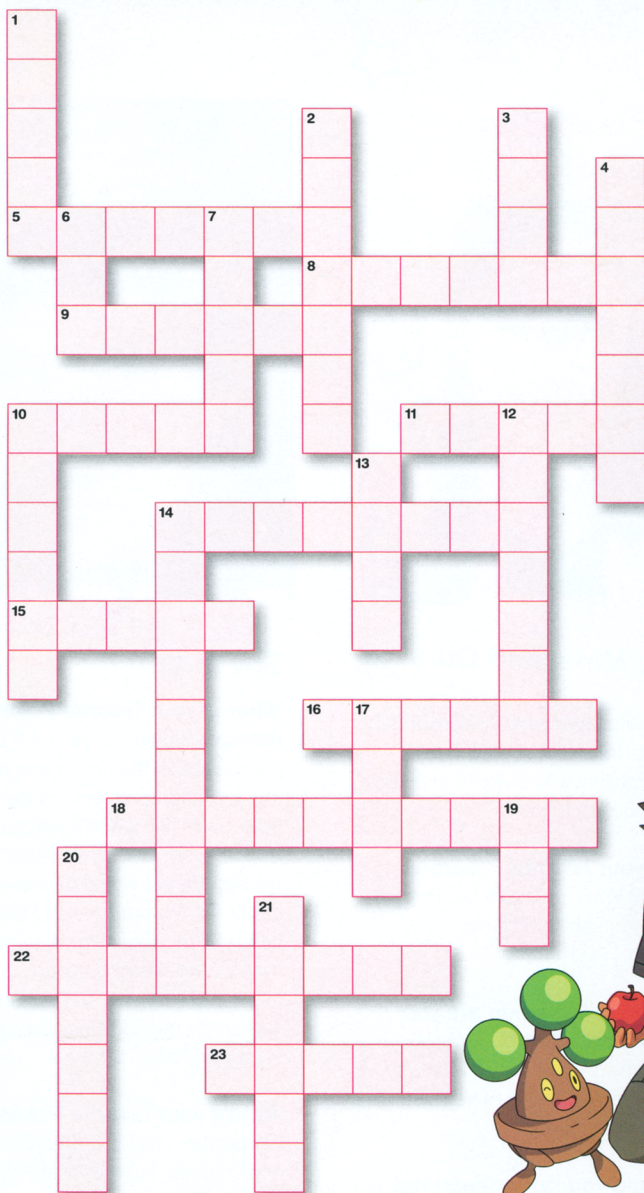
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New
Mew Card
Greenfield
Ross
Kirlia
Rafe
James

Teddiursa
Banks
Spencer
Audrey
Yuko
Absol
Corsola

Giovanni
Fire Island
Delia
Brock
Suicune
Tracey

Oak
Soul Dew
Magma
Mime Jr.
Weavile



Answers

- Down** 1. Banks 2. Mew Card
 3. Yuku 4. Weavile 6. Oak
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 23. Brock

famous fans



Miki Ishikawa

Yours, Mine, and Ours

If you could own any Pokémon toy in the world, what would it be?

I would probably would like to just have the Pokémon figurines.

What is your favorite Pokémon memory? When my mom brought me back this huge doll of Pikachu from Japan.

What kind of Pokémon are you most like and why? I'm probably most like Pikachu, because Pikachu is always happy and trying to help, which I could say I am, too.

Who would you rather hang out with: Jessie, James, or Meowth?

I would rather hang out with Meowth, because Meowth wasn't a human and always seemed really cool to me.



Daryl Sabara

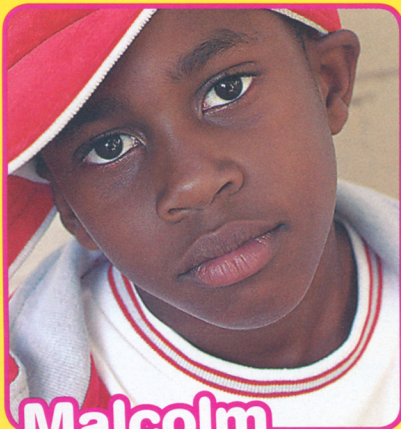
Spy Kids

What is your favorite Pokémon memory? [Alexa Vega and I] used to play on set all the time. I was really into Pokémon even before Spy Kids. I think I was five when it first came out. I would wake up every morning, and the first thing I would do was go turn on the TV. My brother and I had bunk beds and the show would come on, and then we would go to school and talk about it. When I got so into Pokémon, I was pretty much eating, sleeping, and breathing Pokémon!

What's your favorite Pokémon toy?

I remember I had a stuffed Charmander, and I had the Pokédex that I carried around all the time, because I felt like Ash. I had the hat that Ash wore, and I had the little Poké Balls with the Pokémon in them, and I was constantly throwing them on the floor trying to get them to open.

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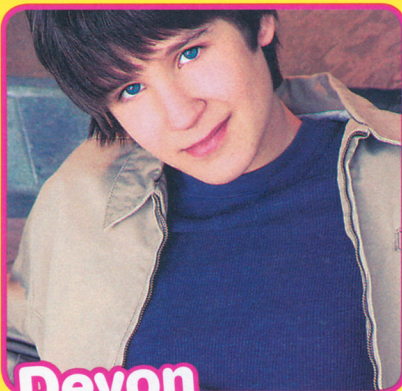
Malcolm David Kelley

LOST

What's your favorite Pokémon movie? When I was younger I got a box set and it came with five movies, and I watched them all.

Who would you hang out with: Jessie, James, or Meowth? I'd probably hang out with Meowth. It was pretty funny, it made you laugh. Although I'm not sure, 'cause it's always getting somebody into trouble.

Any last words on Pokémon? I watched the show all the time. I'd get up in the mornings before I'd go to school, and then I'd watch Pokémon. That used to get my day started.



Devon Werkheiser

Ned's De-Classified School Survival Guide

If you could be any Pokémon, which one would you be? I'd like to be Snorlax, because it's so powerful, and all it has to do is sleep. Or maybe Mewtwo because of how mysterious it is.

If you were a Pokémon Trainer, what Pokémon would you carry on you? I'd carry Charizard, Blastoise, Articuno, Zapdos, and Mewtwo, because they were all the awesome Pokémon when I was playing them. I'd have all the different elements I need, and they're so powerful.

If you could own any Pokémon toy in the world, what would it be? A 100-foot-tall Pikachu, because it would be the grandest of all Pikachu.



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